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### REMARKS

Claims 13-16, 19, 21-27, and 31-53 are pending in the present Application. Claims 13-14, 19, 21-27 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,843,521 issued to Ju et al. ("Ju") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,233,116 issued to Chen et al. ("Chen"). Claims 14, 16, 31-35, 38-47, 50, 51, and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ju and Chen in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,317,290 issued to Wang et al. ("Wang"). Claims 48-51 are indicated as being objectionable for being substantial duplicates of Claims 36-39. Claims 15, 36-37, and 48-49 are indicated as being objectionable for depending on a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 15 and 36-37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening dependent claims. Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 36 and intervening dependent Claim 14, and both of those claims are canceled in this response. Thus, the subject matter of Claim 13 now corresponds to the subject matter of previously-pending dependent Claim 36, indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. Claims 15-16, 31-35, and 37-40, all of which depended on now-cancelled Claim 14, have been amended to depend on independent Claim 13 instead and to conform the language of those claims accordingly to their new dependency where appropriate. In response to the indication that Claims 48-51 are duplicative of Claims 36-39, Applicants cancel Claims 48-51 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants also add new independent Claim 54, which includes all of the limitations of Claims 13, 14, and 15 before the amendments made in this Response. Thus, the subject matter of new Claim 54 corresponds to the subject matter of previous dependent Claim 15 that was indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that all amendments and new Claim 54 are fully supported by the specification as originally filed.

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**REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 103(a):**

As the Examiner noted in the Office Action, the subject matter of Claims 13 (corresponding to previous dependent Claim 36) is allowable over *Ju, Chen, and Wang*. Claims 15-16, 19, 21-27, 31-35, 37-47, and 52-53 depend directly or indirectly on Claim 13 and are therefore allowable as well. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 13, 15-16, 19, 21-27, 31-35, 37-47, and 52-53.

**NEW CLAIMS**

As the Examiner noted in the Office Action, the subject matter of Claim 54 (corresponding to previous dependent Claim 15) is allowable over *Ju, Chen, and Wang*. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of new Claim 54.

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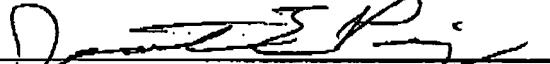
## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and/or remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the rejections. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any required fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1209.

Respectfully submitted,

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